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SUBJECT: DAVIGNON URGES EUROPEAN SOLUTION TO UK AIRCRAFT  
DILEMMA

1. ACCORDING TO A COMMISSION SOURCE, DAVIGNON HAS BEEN  
PUSHING HARD FOR THE UK TO "MAKE A COMMITMENT TO EUROPE"  
IN ITS CHOICE INVOLVING TRANSATLANTIC OR EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT  
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS. DAVIGNON AIDE, PIERRE DEFRAIGNE,  
TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT COMMISSION FAVORS A SOLUTION  
WHEREBY UK WOULD JOIN WITH OTHER AIRBUS PARTICIPANTS AND  
WITH MC DONNELL DOUGLAS TO BUILD THE B-10 NEW VERSION OF  
AIRBUS AND THE PROPOSED 180-SEAT MC DONNELL DOUGLAS PLANE.

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MC DONNELL DOUGLAS VICE PRESIDENT KRAMER WILL BE IN  
BRUSSELS JULY 27 TO DISCUSS THIS IDEA WITH DAVIGNON.  
DAVIGNON IS EXPECTED TO MEET SUBSEQUENTLY WITH UK INDUSTRY  
SECRETARY VARLEY.

2. ACCORDING TO DEFRAIGNE THE UK HAD RECENTLY ASKED THE  
COMMISSION TO SUBMIT ITS VIEWS ON THE MATTER. THESE WERE

GIVEN IN A MEMO FROM JENKINS TO CALLAGHAN AT THE BONN  
SUMMIT. THE UK REACTION WAS REPORTEDLY THAT THE COMMIS-  
SION PAPER WAS NOTHING NEW.

3. IN AN INFORMAL CONTACT IN BRUSSELS RECENTLY WITH  
MISSION OFFICER, JAMES CORR, ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO  
CALLAGHAN ON INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS, SAID THAT A UK DECISION  
WAS NOT YET AT HAND. CORR'S PERSONAL THINKING WAS THAT  
COOPERATION WITH MC DONNELL DOUGLAS MIGHT OFFER AN  
ATTRACTIVE WAY OUT OF THE DILEMMA BY PROVIDING REASONABLY  
SECURE SALES PROSPECTS AND A SIGNIFICANT DESIGN ROLE FOR  
THE UK AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME OFFERING  
THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATING WITH OTHER EUROPEANS.  
MOREOVER, THERE WOULD BE POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATION WITH  
MC DONNELL DOUGLAS ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT. IF IT BECAME  
CLEAR THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO DELAYS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE  
MC DONNELL DOUGLAS PROPOSAL, COOPERATION WITH BOEING  
MIGHT BE BETTER SINCE THE FIRST ONE INTO THE MARKET WILL  
SURELY GET THE LION'S SHARE AND BOEING IS READY TO MOVE  
QUICKLY TOWARDS PRODUCTION OF ITS 767 AND 757 MODELS.  
CORR'S EVALUATION OF THE AIRBUS-ONLY OPTION WAS THAT IT  
WAS CLEARLY GOOD FROM AN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POINT OF  
VIEW AND WOULD ALLOW UK INDUSTRY TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT  
DESIGN ROLE, BUT THE CONCORDE MEMORIES ARE STILL BITTER  
AND THE FINANCIAL SUCCESS OF THE B-10 AIRBUS STILL  
PROBLEMATIC. HINTON  
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